

**OPINION 2130 (Case 3289)*****Emphania* Erichson, 1847 (Insecta, Coleoptera): usage conserved by designation of *Heptomera metallica* Blanchard, 1850 as the type species**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that usage of the name *Emphania* Erichson, 1847 for a group of scarab beetles (family SCARABAEIDAE) is conserved by designating *Heptomera metallica* Blanchard, 1850 (the senior subjective synonym of *Emphania chloris* Burmeister, 1855) as the type species. The genus *Emphania* was originally established without any included nominal species. The first species were subsequently included in *Emphania* by Blanchard in 1850, but none fits the original description of the genus or prevailing usage.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; SCARABAEIDAE; *Emphania*; *Emphania metallica*; *Emphania chloris*; scarab beetles.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the provisions of Article 67.2.2 of the Code are hereby set aside and *Heptomera metallica* Blanchard, 1850 is designated as the type species of the nominal genus *Emphania* Erichson, 1847.
- (2) The name *Emphania* Erichson, 1847 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1) above *Heptomera metallica* Blanchard, 1850, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *metallica* Blanchard, 1850, as published in the binomen *Heptomera metallica* (specific name of the type species of *Emphania* Erichson, 1847 and senior subjective synonym of *Emphania chloris* Burmeister, 1855), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3289**

An application to conserve the usage of the name *Emphania* Erichson, 1847 for a group of scarab beetles (family SCARABAEIDAE) by designating *Heptomera metallica* Blanchard, 1850 (the senior subjective synonym of *Emphania chloris* Burmeister, 1855) as the type species was received from Dirk Ahrens (*Deutsches Entomologisches Institut im Zentrum für Agrarlandschafts- und Landnutzungsforschung, D-16225 Eberswalde, Germany*) on 29 May 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 61: 32–34 (March 2004). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 March 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 61: 33. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 17: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

Negative votes — none.

Kerzhner abstained

No votes were received from Böhme, Bouchet, Ng and Song.

Voting for, Calder commented that he would have preferred designating *E. chloris* Burmeister, 1855 as the type species of *Emphania*, acknowledging that it is a junior subjective synonym of *Heptomera metallica* Blanchard, 1850. Patterson commented that the case was not well made.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Emphania* Erichson, 1847, *Naturgeschichte der Insekten Deutschlands. 1. Abteilung. Coleoptera 3. Band*, p. 695.

*metallica*, *Heptomera*, Blanchard, 1850, *Catalogue de la collection Entomologique. Classes des Insectes. Ordre des Coléoptères*, part: Melolonthidae, tome I, p. 89.